



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

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Re: 2019-05-122

Ms. Emma Best
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Dear Ms. Best:

This letter acknowledges your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to Department of the Treasury, dated May 21, 2019. You seek, “any and all documents in the agency's possession that pertain to the WikiLeaks website or organization from January 2006 to the present date, including but not limited to emails, memos, notes, briefings, reports and other documents related to, mentioning or generated as a result of:

- * guidance and instructions for employees regarding visiting the website or otherwise reading or learning about it in the news
- * internal reactions to the website's existence and disclosures
- * damage reports regarding the website and its disclosures
- * efforts to identify, investigate and/or mitigate potential leaks to the website
- * efforts to identify, investigate and/or mitigate potential unauthorized viewing of the website or news reports analyzing it and/or its contents

I have initiated a search within Departmental Offices (DO), for records that would be responsive to your request. I will make every effort to provide you with a timely response; however, please be advised that unusual circumstances exist regarding the search for and review of potentially responsive records. The unusual circumstances are due to the consultation required between two or more program offices and/or a search is expected to result in voluminous records and/or a search is required to be conducted for records stored in field offices or warehouses off site; therefore, an additional processing extension of (10) days is required to process your request. As with all FOIA requests, I invite you to consider contacting our office to discuss limiting the scope of your request which could significantly reduce the processing time of your request.

To the extent that you are seeking records from another component of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, please be advised that the Department of the Treasury has a decentralized system for processing FOIA requests and each component of the Department maintains its own records. Accordingly, please direct your request to the Treasury component(s) you believe have records pertaining to the subject of your request. Additional information regarding the Department's administration of the FOIA, including

a list of Department of the Treasury components and their FOIA contact information, is available at <http://www.treasury.gov/FOIA/Pages/index.aspx>.

You may seek dispute resolution services from our Treasury FOIA Public Liaison by contacting Paul Levitan, Director, FOIA and Transparency at (202) 622-8098 or email FOIAPL@treasury.gov.

A FOIA Public Liaison is a supervisory official to whom FOIA requesters can raise questions or concerns about the agency's FOIA process. FOIA Public Liaisons can explain agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, provide an estimated date of completion, and discuss how to reformulate and/or reduce the scope of requests in order to minimize fees and expedite processing time.

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) also mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you wish to contact OGIS, you may contact the agency directly at the following address, emails, fax or telephone numbers:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
Email: ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Toll free: 1-877-684-6448
Fax: 202-741-5769

You may reach me via telephone at 202-622-0930, extension 2; or via email at FOIA@treasury.gov. Please reference the FOIA number at the top of this letter when contacting our office about this request.

Sincerely,

Cawana Pearson

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Privacy, Transparency, and Records (PTR)